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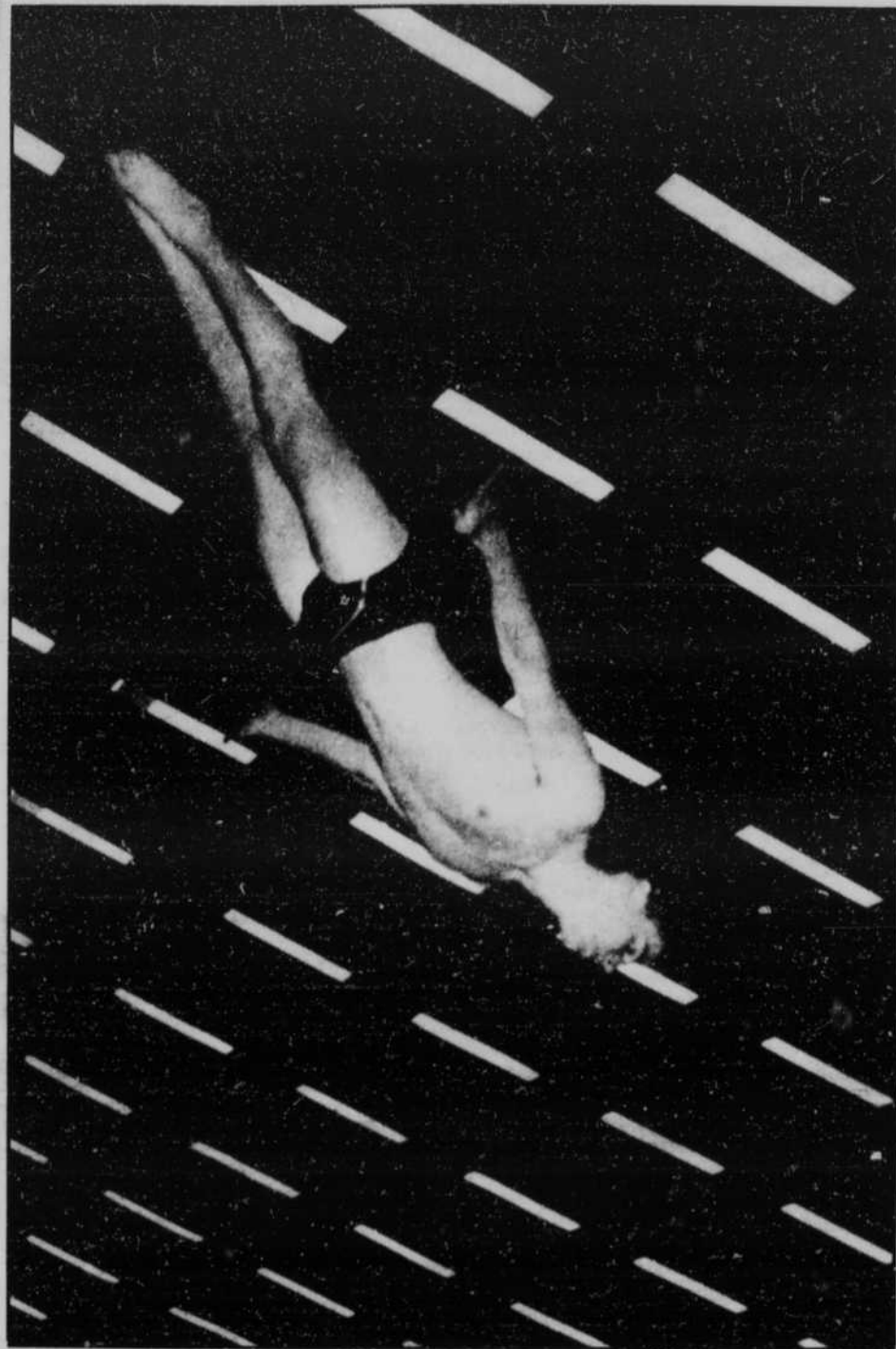
Correction: In a Diversions story (DN, Feb. 22) about UFO sightings, Donald Taylor, a UNL associate professor of astronomy, was misidentified as physics Professor Robert Fuller. Statements attributed to Fuller were made by Taylor. The Daily Nebraskan regrets this error.

## WEATHER

Friday, partly sunny, high 45, northwest wind 15-20 miles per hour. Friday night, partly cloudy, low in the low-20s. Saturday, variable clouds, high 35-40.

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### Diver down . . .

Omaha Burke diver Ben Culhane practices at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Thursday afternoon before the start of the Nebraska High School Swimming and Diving Championships.

## Pool opens today after long delay

From staff reports

After receiving a permit from the state Department of Health, the pool at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus Recreation Center will open at 10 a.m. today.

The Office of Campus Recreation received the permit Wednesday, according to Bill Goa, coordinator of informal recreation and facilities, after depth markings were painted.

Regular hours for the pool begin Saturday. They are 6:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:15 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Saturdays and 11:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Sundays.

Today is the last day for open recreation swimming at the Mabel Lee Hall pool. It is open from 1:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The pool still will be used for recreation classes and clinics, intramural and club sports.

## Testimony heard on remains bill

By Sara Bauder  
Staff Reporter

A legislative committee Thursday heard testimony on a bill that would allow state-financed institutions to keep some American Indian burial artifacts.

Sen. Glenn Goodrich of Omaha, sponsor of LB1097, told the Nebraska Legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee that the bill was not requested by the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Goodrich said there are "an awful lot" of people in Nebraska who want the bill to be passed.

In the 1989 session, legislators passed LB340, which requires institutions receiving state funds to return any remains and burial goods identified as American Indian to the relatives or tribe the remains are identified with.

LB1097 would require state-financed institutions to return to tribes any American Indian remains and burial goods excavated after Aug. 25, 1989. The bill states that only those remains and goods reasonably identified with the tribe must be returned.

Those burial goods excavated before Aug. 25, 1989, could be retained by the institution holding them. Skeletal remains would be returned under the bill.

Ronald Hunter, an Omaha lawyer and member of the Nebraska State Historical Society, said a law such as LB1097 would discourage collectors from donating their historical collections to the State Historical Society.

When they die, collectors want to give their collections to museums that are stable and will be there forever, Hunter said. He said LB340 took 45,000 artifacts and 40,000 beads that collectors had donated in good faith and gave them back to the American

Indian tribes.

Frank LaMere, representing the Nebraska Indian Inter-Tribal Development Corporation, said LB1097 insults the sanctity of human burial. LaMere told the committee about his brother, a war hero who died in Vietnam. He said his brother was buried with all of his medals, including a bronze star and purple heart.

"Someday, someone will come into possession of those medals," LaMere said.

LaMere said he hopes that whoever finds his brother's grave in the future does not take the medals from it just because they are historically significant.

"My brother was a good man, and if he'd lived, he'd probably be here testifying right now," LaMere said. "Those medals said something about him, and they were his whole life."

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## Committee argues over implications of flag bill

By Victoria Ayotte  
Senior Reporter

Proponents of a bill to ban flag desecration argued Thursday that America's symbol of freedom should be protected, while opponents argued that the bill would take away some of Americans' freedoms.

The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee failed to act on LB1227 and LR245 after a public hearing on the measures.

LB1227 would make flag desecration a Class I misdemeanor, punishable by up to one-year imprisonment, a \$1,000 fine or both, according to the bill's sponsor, state Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge.

LR245, also introduced by Hefner, would petition Congress to propose a constitutional amendment banning flag desecration.

"Our flag is a symbol of freedom," Hefner told a roomful of veterans and students at the public hearing. "I feel that nobody should be allowed to desecrate our flag."

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, however, said Hefner's bill is worded poorly and would be deemed unconstitutional, as the U.S. Supreme Court declared a similar Texas bill to be.

Chambers said the bill does not define a flag, and asked if a stamp with a flag on it qualifies as he tore one up.

"Sen. Chambers, I think you're carrying that a little bit too far," Hefner responded.

"I think your bill goes too far because it hasn't been thought out," Chambers said.

Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island said the bill's provision that a flag is desecrated if it is known that it will "outrage the sensibilities of any person likely to observe or discover such action or disturb the peace and quiet of any person" can be read many different ways.

Chambers also questioned the resolution's provision that "all patriotic Americans" believe the flag should not be desecrated. The provision is a political statement, he said.

Chambers then tore up what he said was a copy of the U.S. Constitution and asked Hefner if that bothered him, to which Hefner said "not necessarily."

Chambers asked if the reason the bill's proponents don't include the constitution "is because they are in fact desecrating the constitution with this" bill.

Sen. Jerry Chizek of Omaha said people "border on being a little hypocritical with this issue" when they support the ban on flag desecration but don't petition Congress to reinstate cut veterans' benefits.

"The men and women that serve this country are the ones we ought to move mountains for," Chizek said.

Duane Bokemper of the Nebraska American Legion said he hopes the resolution passes so a constitutional amendment could "settle the issue once and for all."

A flag protection amendment would not infringe on the First Amendment, Bokemper said, and would say only that the flag deserves special protection.

Another proponent, Joseph Ballweg of the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Nebraska, said sometimes "we get too liberal in our interpretation of the law."

"We're a good country," Ballweg said. "The flag represents that goodness."

Opponent Bill Schatz of David City said the bill is a "knee-jerk political reaction."

"Freedom means there's a right to dissent," Schatz said, and the Supreme Court was right

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## CFA hears CAP budget appeals

By Roger Price  
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation reaffirmed Thursday its decision to eliminate some funds that would be used to staff Campus Activities and Program's leadership development programs.

Students, faculty and CAP staff testified about the importance of leadership development, but committee members maintained that although the program is important, it should not be financed by student fees.

Some CFA members suggested the leadership programs in CAP become self-funded by charging a fee to those who use the program.

"Why should every student pay for a leadership development program? Why not charge those who use it?" asked CFA member Todd Oltmans.

Committee members also questioned the number of students served by CAP's leadership programs.

Kathy Shellogg, coordinator of student organizations and leadership development for CAP, said not all students take advantages of other student-financed activities such as those at the health center or in campus recreation.

CFA member Brad Brunz said there are differences between the number served by campus recreation and the health center and those who participate in leadership development programs.

"A large number of students use the health and rec center while a much, much, much smaller number are served by leadership programs," Brunz said.

In an atmosphere which CFA member Chris Potter called the "most hostile" of the year,

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## Chickenpox cases reported, but not considered serious

By Emily Rosenbaum  
Senior Reporter

Although up to five cases of chickenpox have been reported at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, officials said they are not worried.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, director of the University Health Center, said the disease is not as serious as the measles, which was considered an epidemic last year.

Fleischli said Doug Zatechka, university housing director, informed him a few days ago that there were about five students in the residence halls who had contracted chickenpox.

The disease is "extremely contagious," but does not require medical attention, he said.

The chances of anyone contracting chickenpox who has had the disease before are rare because the body develops an immunity to the disease, he said.

No vaccine is available for chickenpox, he said.

Symptoms of the disease are headache, mild fever and body aches, followed by "miniature blisters" on the body, he said.

Students who develop those symptoms should "withdraw themselves from unnecessary exposure to others," he said.

Students should not go to classes or the cafeteria, but "we wouldn't quarantine someone," he said.

The best treatment for chickenpox is Benadryl, an over-the-counter

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